

December 18, 2013

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to unconditionally support the nomination of John Carlin for the position of Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division of the Department of Justice.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Carlin for a number of years when he was assigned to the FBI as Special Counsel to former FBI Director Mueller, when he was Chief of staff for Director Mueller and during his current assignment in the National Security Division of the Department of Justice. During my tenure in the FBI as Special Assistant to Director Mueller, the Associate Deputy Director and finally as the Deputy Director of the FBI, I worked with Mr. Carlin on a day-to-day basis for a number of years. Mr. Carlin clearly demonstrated the complex skills and leadership required to not only succeed in this position but also to thrive. Mr. Carlin has been involved in nearly every major National Security decision over the last few years during his tenure at the FBI and DOJ. His years of experience of participating in the daily morning intelligence briefs for the Director of the FBI and the Attorney General of the United States has prepared him for any National Security issue that may arise. He has shown the competence, character, collaboration and communication skills required for this position. Mr. Carlin was very effective at not allowing "politics" to play a role in National Security operations. He skillfully interacted with other agencies in the U.S. Intelligence Community as well as with our international partners to resolve terrorism threats facing our country. I found him to be an intelligent and dedicated professional working daily to protect our national security interests.

Mr. Carlin's Department of Justice experience as a prosecutor and his understanding of the National Security Division of the Department of Justice, the FBI National Security Branch mission and operations, and the Intelligence community, make him exceptionally well qualified to lead the National Security Division. I don't believe there is anyone with a better background or more relevant experience for this position and I highly recommend him.

Sincerely,

Timothy Murphy